

direction of the surface of the filtering element between the filtering portion of the filter cloth and the filtering element.

7. (Twice Amended) A filtering module to be arranged on a filtering element as a filtering surface when liquid is separated from a mixture consisting of solids and liquid by means of a filtering apparatus, which filtering module is made of filter cloth comprising a filtering layer composed of yarns in the transverse and the longitudinal directions, and an underside of the filter cloth, i.e., the surface to be against the filtering element, is comprised of substantially parallel yarns that are thicker than the other yarns of the filter cloth, and that channels are formed between the thicker yarns by the placement of the thicker yarns at predetermined intervals defined by the other yarns of the filter cloth extending parallel thereto, wherein the liquid filtered by the cloth is allowed to flow in the direction of a surface of the filtering element.

11. (Amended) A filtering apparatus, comprising:

a filtering module; and

a filtering element, wherein the filtering module is arranged on a filtering element as a filtering surface where liquid is separated from a mixture consisting of solids and liquid where, the filtering module is made of a filter cloth comprising a filtering layer composed of yarns in the transverse and the longitudinal directions, and an underside of the filter cloth, i.e. the surface to be against the filtering element, comprises of substantially parallel yarns that are thicker than the other yarns of the filter cloth, and channels are formed between the thicker yarns by the placement of the thicker yarns at predetermined intervals defined by the other yarns of the filter cloth extending parallel thereto, wherein the liquid filtered by the filter cloth is allowed to flow in the direction of a surface of the filtering element.